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By: Dawn UnderwoodRESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is submitted in response to the Office Letter mailed October 16, 2007, in the above-captioned Application for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response expires January 16, 2008.

This Response is submitted within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action. The two month period would expire on Sunday, December 16, 2007, and so this Response is timely filed on Monday, December 17, 2007, the first business day thereafter.

Telephone Interview:

Examiner Rost is thanked for extending the courtesy of a Telephone Interview on December 17, 2007.

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The Tychsen and Gordon references were discussed. The discussion and arguments presented by Applicant are repeated below in this Response.

The Examiner agreed to reconsider the rejection and to prepare an official Interview Summary for the record.

Entry of Response:

Entry of this Response is believed proper because it is believed to place the Application in condition for allowance, and such action is solicited.